Government of India keeps a constant watch on all development having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it. Furthermore, various Government agencies involved in the issue do not have differing perceptions on the issue.

Publication of official history of wars

†*90. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kargil Committee had recommended to publish the official history of Indo-China war of 1962, Indo-Pak wars of 1965 and 1971 and Kargil war of 1999; and

(b) if so, by when the said history would be published?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) The terms of reference of the Kargil Review Committee was to review the events leading up to the Pakistani aggression in the Kargil District. The Committee among other things emphasized on the necessity of publishing authentic accounts of the Indo-Pak wars of 1965 and 1971 besides the Kargil war of 1999.

(b) A Committee to review the publication of War Histories was constituted by the Government. The Committee has given its recommendations which are being considered for arriving at a final decision on this issue.

Eradication of child labour

*91. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of policy initiative measures that have been taken or proposed to be taken by Government to eradicate child labour in the country;

(b) the details of efforts made so far by Government in this respect; and

(c) the details of schemes formulated and being implemented by Government alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The National Policy on Child labour envisages strict enforcement of the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 with simultaneous efforts towards rehabilitation of both parents and children through a project based action plan linkages with the poverty eradication and income generation programmes of the Government. Considering the magnitude and nature of the problem, Government is following a gradual and sequential approach of initially covering children working in hazardous occupations and process. Under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 there are 15 occupations and 57th process banned for the employment of children below the age of 14 years. State Governments are the appropriate authority for the enforcement of the Act for the areas under their jurisdiction.

For the rehabilitation of child labour Government is implementing the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme in 250 districts of the country. Under the Scheme, children withdrawn from work are admitted into special schools, where they are provided with education, vocational training, mid-day meal, stipend and health care facilities etc. In addition, INDUS Child Labour Project, a jointly funded Project of Government of India and US Department of Labour is also being implemented in 21 districts. Government is also implementing a Scheme of Grants-in-aid to Voluntary Organization in the districts, which are not covered under NCLP/INDUS Projects. An amount of Rs. 175 crores has been allocated for the purpose under these schemes during the current financial year.

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